

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

## WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF NATIONAL BUSINESS LEARNING  
PARTNERSHIP ROUND II

The purpose of this information bulletin is to solicit Expression of Interest from local workforce investment boards or economic development-focused entities for participation in the National Business Learning Partnership Round II project.

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) started the National Business Learning Partnership (NBLP) in 2003. The NBLP is a collaborative technical assistance project, with a goal of enhancing regional and national competitive strength and improving labor market outcomes by engaging the workforce investment system in effective partnerships, fostering innovation, and integrating community strategies and resources to develop talent as a community asset. Forty-four state and local workforce investment boards participated in the first round of NBLP building.

Building on this earlier success, the ETA will sponsor a second round of partnerships in which approximately thirty-six states and local entities will be selected to participate. This peer-to-peer learning project, will focus on talent development strategies driving regional economic competitiveness; strong and sustained strategic regional partnerships; workforce information for performance and strategic planning; and leveraged resources and solution-based strategies.

Local workforce investment organizations interested in participating are requested to complete the Expression of Interest form located at [www.workforce3one.org/content/public/nblp/](http://www.workforce3one.org/content/public/nblp/), and submit it to the ETA Region 6, no later than August 21, 2006. A webinar designed to provide additional details is being scheduled and its date and time, as well as an archived post-webinar recording, will be available at [www.workforce3one.org](http://www.workforce3one.org). Additional information may be obtained via email from [Diane Walton](mailto:Diane.Walton@eddd.ca.gov), or by telephone at (415) 975-4639.

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